

# FOCAL POINT



## Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

## Winding Down Six Years as Mayor

The April and May Focal Points will focus on all the things that have changed in Frisco in the years I have been Mayor. Since being elected in May 2002, I have had the pleasure to serve with a great group of City Council Members and work with an outstanding City Manager, George Purefoy, and his staff. Together, we have accomplished a great deal. My thanks to Tracie Reveal Shipman, Steve Nichols, Matt Lafata, Tony Felker, Joy West, Bob Allen, Maher Maso, Jim Joyner, Jeff Cheney and David Prince. These are the council members who I worked with as a team, during my service as mayor, to make the important decisions that have shaped the future of this city in the coming years.

We have been very fortunate to have City Manager George Purefoy, Deputy City Manager Henry Hill and Assistant City Managers Nell Lange and Ron Patterson, along with their talented staffs, working these past six years to bring forward projects and programs that have set Frisco apart from other cities in the state. There are so many people that I have worked with that I cannot name them all, but here are some who have helped me over these six years: City Secretary Nan Parker, Fire Chief Mack Borchardt, Police Chief Todd Renshaw, Director of Communications and Media Relations Dana Baird, Director of Parks & Recreation Rick Wieland, Director of Engineering Services Cissy Sylo, Director of Planning & Development Services John Lettelleir, Director of Public Works Gary Hartwell, Director of Information Technology Curt Balogh, Library Director Ron Heezen, Director of Human Resources Lauren Safraneck, Convention & Visitors Director Marla Roe and President of the Frisco

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## 'Dangerous Dog' interactive map now available on City of Frisco Web site

Frisco residents have a new high tech tool to keep them informed about dangerous dogs in their neighborhood. An online, interactive map allows you to find out where the animals – deemed 'dangerous' by a municipal judge – live in the city.

"For us, this is a matter of public safety," said Michael Hansen, Senior Animal Control Officer. "We wanted residents to have easy access to the information so they could be on the lookout for dangerous dogs and take proactive steps to help keep their families safe."

While 'dangerous dog maps' are not new, the interactive feature is. Animal

Control Officers worked with the IT Department to develop the map, which debuted earlier this month. Using GIS technology, residents can click on any 'dog house' icon and find the address, description and a photo of 'dangerous dogs' within Frisco city limits.

The dangerous dog map was developed after the Frisco City Council voted to amend the city's Animal Control ordinance in January of this year. The revised ordinance tightens requirements for owners of dangerous dogs. Under the revised ordinance, within 30 days after a judge determines a dog 'dangerous', the owner

must meet several requirements, including but not limited to:

- Register the dog with animal control;
- Restrain the dog at all time on a leash (no longer than six feet) or in a 'secure enclosure'. A 'secure enclosure' is defined as an area being locked, preventing public entry and escape, and clearly marked as a place where a 'dangerous dog' is being kept.
- Obtain liability insurance of at least \$100,000;
- Place an orange collar on their pet

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## Last day to register to vote in May election is April 10

Your vote does count, but your must be registered. The last day to register to vote in the City of Frisco's upcoming May general election is April 10, 2008.

On May 10, Frisco voters will elect a new mayor and two new council members to the Frisco City Council. Mayor Mike Simpson is leaving office, due to term limits. Aside from electing city representatives, voters will be considering a referendum regarding an ordinance regulating 'late hours' alcohol sales.

Maher Maso and Matt Lafata are running for mayor. Candidates Bart Crowder, John C. Newsome, Antonio Luevano and Tim H. Nelson are running for Place 5. Candidates Scott Johnson, Jim Tupper, Buddy Clark and LaDella Levy are vying for Place 6.

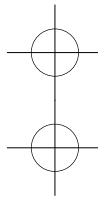
Early voting, by personal appearance, begins April 28 – May 6. Early voting hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Voters may

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# PAST MEETS present



In contrast to Frisco Heritage Center's old-fashioned architecture, the modern-style of the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center rises in the background. When construction and refurbishment is complete, the park will allow you to connect with the people of Frisco's past. The grand opening celebration for the Heritage Center Museum is set for Saturday, May 3. For more information, see Page 8.



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# First public art exhibit blooms inside city hall



As spring revives Frisco's landscapes with color, another type of garden is warming up the space inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center. Dozens of floral images make up the eclectic bouquet that is the first exhibit of "Art in the Atrium," a new project of the city's public art program.

"A joint effort from city staff and the Visual Arts Guild of Frisco seemed the perfect fit for the first

"Art in the Atrium" exhibit," said Richard Oldham, Public Art Manager for the City of Frisco. Oldham also says he is thrilled by the positive response he's heard from those who have viewed the exhibit.

The framed rosebuds, tulips and other beautiful blossoms are the works of international artists and photographers. The exhibit is free and open to the public to view



on the first through fifth floors of city hall. The works of art will remain on display through mid-May

To learn more about Frisco's public art program, go online to [www.friscotexas.gov/publicart](http://www.friscotexas.gov/publicart).

## WINDING

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Economic Development Corporation Jim Gandy.

I would also like to thank those I have worked with on a daily basis who help manage my schedule, prepare presentations, organize meetings, write letters and communicate with citizens. Special thanks to Geneva Polster, Deanna Quigley, Terri McCord, Lydia Navarro, Janet Maccubbin and Amy Gill. Finally, I want to thank the person who has stood by me these past eight years, including two years of service as a council member and six years as mayor. My wife Sandy has worked as hard as I have to make this city something special.

### The Changing Face of Frisco

The big change in Frisco began with the opening of the Stonebriar Centre Mall in June of 2000. It was the catalyst that started the major growth of business in Frisco and catapulted us to having more than 5.5 million square feet of retail in about a 1.5 square mile area at Preston and S.H. 121. Our total sales tax revenue has grown from \$7.6 million in 2000 to \$40 million in 2008. Half of this amount is dedicated to our General Fund and the remaining sales tax revenues are split between our Economic Development Corporation and our Community Development Corporation. This boom in sales tax revenue enabled these sales tax corporations to build infrastructure, provide incentives to new businesses to come to Frisco, acquire park land and be a part of building our sports complexes.

Thanks to the citizens of Frisco, a \$197.5 million bond issue was passed in November 2002. This bond issue allowed us to build many new municipal buildings including a Police Station, Fire Stations, Frisco Fire Safety Town, a Library, City Hall, a Heritage Center Museum and the Frisco Athletic Center. We were also able to expand the Senior Center @ Frisco Square. The bond monies also provided for new road construction and improvements, as well as parks and trails, and the funds to partner with Allen and Plano to build a

Performing Arts Hall and campus.

These projects and the ones listed below began to form the image of Frisco you see as you cross S.H. 121 and all were done from 2002-2008:

- Dr Pepper Ballpark, home of the Frisco RoughRiders- spring 2003
- Dr Pepper Stars Center - Corporate Office and Practice/Training Center for the Dallas Stars and home of the Texas Tornado Hockey Team, Kurt Thomas Gymnastic Center and now the Frisco Thunder Intense Football League indoor football team- July 2003.
- Embassy Suites Hotel and Frisco Conference Center- April 2005
- Hall Office Park (private development) expanded from two buildings to 14 buildings
- Duke Bridges (private development) now has three office buildings on the east side of the Dallas North Tollway
- Pizza Hut Park-home of FC Dallas, our MLS soccer team-August 2005

In addition to these major sports and office projects, the city began to expand our municipal buildings to provide the needed services of our fast growing city. In 2002 we had approximately 50,000 people living in Frisco and in April of 2008 we will hit 100,000 - a 100% increase in six years. The key city buildings that have opened in the past six years are:

- Fire Station #4-October 2003
- Senior Center-January 2004
- Public Works Facility-March 2005
- Fire Station #5-May 2006
- George A. Purefoy Municipal Center (new City Hall & Library)-September 2006
- Police Station-December 2006
- Central Fire Station/Emergency Operation Center/Safety Town-February 2007
- Frisco Athletic Center-October 2007
- Frisco Plaza (in front of the City Hall/Library)-October 2007

In addition, this spring we will open the Frisco Heritage Center and the Frisco Heritage Museum. Fire Station #6 is scheduled to open in early May. Again, these projects were

accomplished thanks to our citizens passing a bond issue in 2002.

The look of Frisco continued to change with the opening of our George A. Purefoy Municipal Center in the center of our city. The municipal center has influenced the continued expansion of Frisco Square and the residential, retail and office products going up in and around the intersection of Main St. and the Dallas North Tollway (DNT). We can now see major business hubs around the Stonebriar Centre Mall area, moving north along the DNT and now up to Eldorado and the DNT. We have planned for the future with major retail centers and mixed use developments expected to be built at the intersection of the DNT and U.S. 380 as well as other projects along the 380 corridor in Frisco.

### Art Making a Difference in Our Buildings

As we have grown and added municipal buildings, you have seen public art being included with these projects. You will see bronzes and abstract sculptures along Preston Road at the intersections, on our Public Works building, at our Police and Fire Stations, at our City Hall/Library and at Pizza Hut Park. There are more than 100 pieces of art in Hall Office Park, thanks to Craig Hall and his commitment to art in his office complex. Art is one of the areas that will help set our city apart from others and we have made a commitment to this and are encouraging builders and developers to do the same.

In my final Focal Point article, I will discuss the changes over the past six years in demographics, roads, parks, housing, the Convention Visitors Bureau and job growth. It has been an exciting six years and an honor to serve Frisco.

**SINCERELY,  
MIKE SIMPSON  
MAYOR**



## Frisco's ET weather station data available online

**MELODY EMADIAZAR**  
WATER EDUCATION  
COORDINATOR



The City of Frisco has tapped into a valuable technological resource to help you better conserve a natural resource. The Texas ET Network monitors rainfall and other important weather data including ET, or evapotranspiration, values. Evapotranspiration is the amount of moisture absorbed into the atmosphere through evaporation from the soil and transpiration from plant surfaces. The data is used to calculate how much water should be applied to a landscape in a given week to prevent wasteful watering. The end result is water conservation and a healthier law.

The Texas A&M Irrigation Technology Center (ITC) operates the Texas ET Network and in mid-March the newly installed Frisco ET Weather Station linked to the network. Having an ET weather station within city limits means more accurate data for Frisco residents living in Denton and Collin Counties. Previously the closest ET weather station in the network was located in Irving.

The Frisco ET Weather Station measures local temperature, solar radiation, relative humidity, and wind speed, all measurements that help to determine our local ET. Rainfall is measured at four locations to cover the northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast parts of the city.

So what does all this measuring mean for you? By knowing the weekly ET values and local rainfall, a Frisco resident or



business can determine exactly how much water, if any, is needed that week for their landscape. At your convenience, you may go online to the TexasET Network site: <http://texaset.tamu.edu> to easily access the City of Frisco's ET weather data. The Website also provides a user-friendly calculator to determine how much water, in inches, you need to add to your lawn or landscape.

Click on the Denton or Collin County points on the map to bring up current Frisco ET data, or choose Frisco from the dropdown menu. The site also offers additional facts about evapotranspiration, the average ET values across Texas, and other useful information.

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## Head back to class for a green education

The City of Frisco Environmental Services will be hosting monthly environmental education forums on issues currently facing our community throughout the spring and summer. The first seminar in the series will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. inside the city council chambers at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, located at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

Our guest for this meeting will be Andrew J. Sirjard, Vice President of Sanyo Energy. He sits on the board of directors for the Rechargeable Battery Recycle Corporation and the Portable Rechargeable Battery Association. Sirjard will be speaking about the differences in alkaline and rechargeable batteries and recycling efforts underway in the battery industry.

RSVP's are requested but not mandatory. Please contact Jeremy Starritt at 972-292-5914 or at [JStarritt@FriscoTexas.gov](mailto:JStarritt@FriscoTexas.gov) for more information.

# CLEAN IT AND green it



## Clear your cutter the green way

Join the Frisco Green Team for our city-wide clean up event "Clean It and Green It" on Saturday, April 26, in the IKEA parking lot, 7171 IKEA Dr. Volunteers will help clean up litter around town. Those who volunteer will be registered for great raffle prizes, and will receive a green gift and t-shirt, plus a free lunch provided by IKEA.

There will be lots of fun and environmental education going on all morning. You can register the day of the event or pre-register online at [www.myvolunteerpage.com](http://www.myvolunteerpage.com) or call 972-292-5078. Check-in will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and the clean up will last from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

HOAs, schools and other groups are also encouraged to pre-register and receive equipment in advance to hold "Clean It and Green It" events in their own neighborhoods. For more information, please call Jeremy Starritt, Frisco Environmental Education Coordinator at (972) 292-5914.

## Chunk Your Junk

Frisco citizens, here's your big chance to do some spring cleaning. The next "Chunk Your Junk" will be held on Saturday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in conjunction with the "Clean It

and Green It" event. The location is also the IKEA parking lot at 7171 IKEA Dr.

Because of time restraints, the line will be cut off at 11:30 p.m. to ensure all waiting residents are serviced. Large crowds are expected, so please come early.

**The following items can be brought for safe disposal, recycling or donation. To reduce idling time, the items are listed in the order which they can be unloaded at the event. Please load your vehicle accordingly.**

old clothes, furniture, books for donation

cardboard, yard waste, limbs, and untreated wood for mulching

metal and appliances

fencing, Styrofoam, other trash

household chemicals, paint, gasoline, oil, batteries, pesticides

computers, printers, cell phones, other e-waste

documents for shredding\*

\*A free paper shredding service will be provided. A four-box limit per household will be accepted, with sizes not to exceed 12"W x 15.5" L x 10.5" H. No commercial accounts will be accepted. Residents needing only shredding services on this day are free to park their cars in the IKEA parking lot and bring their documents directly up to the shredding truck.

# Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to [www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate](http://www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate).

## 1 CR 712 (Frisco Street - North County)

Scope: Construction of four lanes from Frisco Street to the RR crossing and two lanes from the RR crossing to North County Road.

Design 100 percent complete.

## 2 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construct a four-to-five story parking structure to accommodate roughly 500 cars.

Est. completion of design is June 2008

## 3 Rolater Road (Coit - Independence)

Scope: Construct a four-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing dirt road. Construction began December 2007. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.

Est. completion of construction is October 2008.

## 4 Frisco Square Blvd. Railroad Crossing

Scope: Street connection of Frisco Square Blvd. across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. This is phase 2 of the Frisco Square Street Improvements. Project includes relocating the Elm Street crossing to Frisco Square Blvd. with the RR signal and crossing gates.

Est. start of construction is summer 2008.

## 5 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston) w/overpass

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the third lane on the south side of Eldorado. This will complete the ultimate six-lane divided roadway with median and includes three additional lanes of the overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.

Design is 100 percent complete.

## 6 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Utility relocations are underway to clear the area for construction. Bid by TxDOT Feb 7, 2008.

Est. start of roadway construction is summer 2008

## 7 FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer - Preston)

Scope: Replace existing two-

lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Est. completion of design is March 2009

## 8 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado Pkwy)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median. The project includes streetlights and traffic signals.

Est. start of construction is December 2008.

## 9 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Pkwy - US 380)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Est. start of construction: May 2009

## 10 Independence Parkway (SH 121 - Main)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. The project includes streetlights and irrigation.

Est. completion of construction is June 2008.

## 11 Dogwood Street (Main - McKinney)

Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane & Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Street lighting is included in this project.

Est. completion of design is the end of April 2008.

## 12 Legacy Drive (Citation - Main)

Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes. This will provide a six-lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Construction is in the sub-grade preparation phase and paving should begin by April 2008.

Est. completion of construction is May 2008.

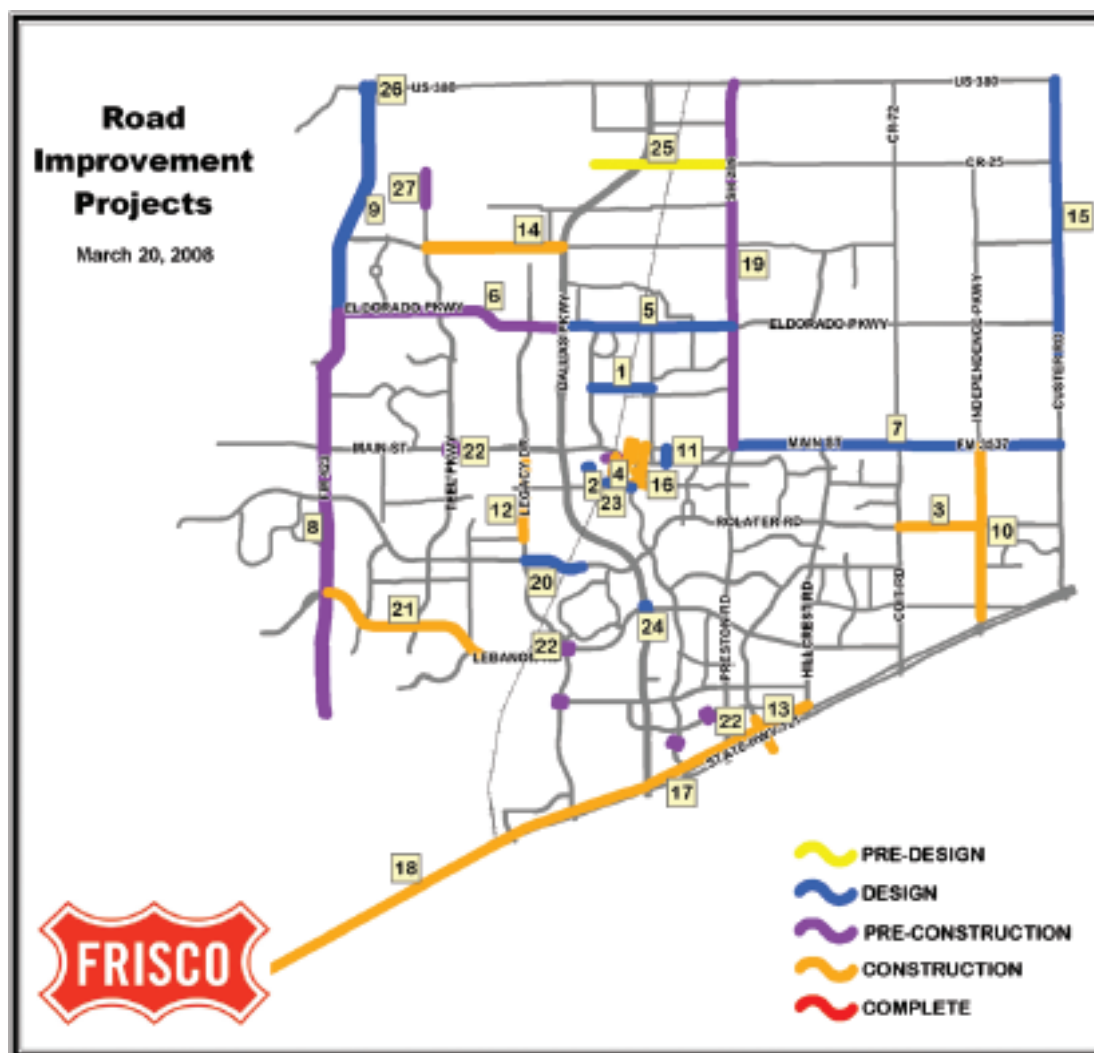
## 13 Ohio Overpass (SH 121)

Scope: Ohio Drive overpass at SH 121.

Est. TxDOT completion of construction is April 2008.

## 14 Panther Creek Pkwy (Teel - DNT)

Scope: Construction of four-lane divided roadway including landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting. Extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with



Panther Creek Pkwy. Construction is underway.

Est. completion of construction is August 2008.

## 15 FM 2478/Custer Rd (Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes and the eastern two lanes of FM 2478 (Custer Road) from US 380 to Stonebridge Drive, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. This project will be let by TxDot. The City of Frisco will cost participate in this project for the construction of Custer Road within the city limits of Frisco.

Est. completion of design is June 2008.

## 16 Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to Ash) - Est. completion June 2008.
- Third (Oak north to Maple) -

Opened November 2007.

- Third (Main south to Ash) - Est. completion June 2008.
- Fourth (Oak north to Maple) - Opened November 2007.
- Sixth (Oak north to Maple) - Opened November 2007.
- Sixth (Elm South - Hickory) - Est. completion April 2008.
- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh) - Est. completion May 2008.
- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr.) - Opened March 2008.

## 17 SH 121 Freeway (DNT - Hillcrest)

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Toll way to Hillcrest.

Est. open to traffic is Fall 2008.

## 18 SH 121 Freeway (FM 544 - DNT)

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway.

Est. completion of construction is summer 2008

## 19 SH 289/Preston Rd (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT. Two million dollars of the City of Frisco's four and a half million dollar participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street. Currently, land is being acquired for the road widening.

Est. start of construction is end of 2008.

## 20 Stonebrook Pkwy (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct four lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly, and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, & environmental coordination.

Est. Completion of design is June 2008 and permitting is May 2009.

## 21 Lebanon Road - (FM 423 - Presidents Dr.)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from

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## AROUND FRISCO: GONE IN 60 SECONDS

65,000 eggs covered the ball fields at Warren Sports Complex on April 15, but it only took seconds for thousands of children to fill their baskets with a pastel-colored bounty of treats. The City of Frisco Parks and Recreation staff thanks everyone who helped make the 16th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza a success.

The expert egg hunters also had fun posing for pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Cottontail.

You can view more photos from city-sponsored events online, on our Citizens' Scrapbook. See for yourself at [www.friscotexas.gov/scrapbook](http://www.friscotexas.gov/scrapbook).



## UPDATES

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Presidents to FM 423, including a three lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway.

Construction began February 2008.

### 22 Intersection Capacity Improvements

Scope: Improvements at the following intersections: Gaylord/Mall Road F, Parkwood/Hammons, Legacy/Warren, Legacy/Lebanon, and Main/Teel.

Est. start of construction is spring 2008.

### 23 Eubanks Street (Fifth Street - BNSF RR)

Scope: Reconstruct Eubanks Street with concrete pavement and enclosed storm drainage. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2008 and will require six months to complete.

The project is currently under design.

### 24 Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for

Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. The bridge will be constructed to allow for ten lanes of traffic. The current ROW only accommodates six lanes. This project will increase the lanes on the eastbound and westbound approaches to the tollway.

Est. completion of design is April 2008.

### 25 Virginia Pkwy (CR26 - Preston)

Scope: Construct six lanes from County Road 26 to

Preston Road. Project includes a bridge over BNSF RR. Construction is expected to begin in late 2009. Est. start of design is April 2008.

### 26 NW Infrastructure

Scope: Analyze alternative alignments for water & sewer lines to serve properties near FM 423 and US 380. Design water and sewer lines to selected alignment. Acquire right of way to construct while analyzing alternative alignments for future Virginia Pkwy from FM

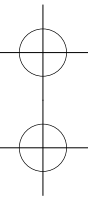
423 to Preston Rd.

The project is under design.

### 27 Teel Pkwy (Panther Creek Pkwy - North of Little River)

Scope: Construct eastern two lanes of Teel to provide four lanes of the ultimate six-lane road. Design is 90 percent complete. Construction is anticipated to start in April 2008. This project will be jointly funded by Frisco ISD.

Est. completion of construction is August 2008.





## HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

### April 1

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- Downtown Advisory Board, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12 p.m.

### April 7

- HOA President's Meeting, Council Chambers, 7 p.m.
- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

### April 8

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

### April 9

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen 4 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### April 10

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### April 14

- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, Conference Rm. 3A, 4:30 p.m.

### April 15

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

### April 16

- Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Parkway, 6 p.m.

### April 17

- Community Development Corporation (CDC) Meeting, Conference Rm. 3A, 6:30 p.m.

### April 21

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

### April 22

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- Heritage Assn., Council Chambers, 10 a.m.

### April 23

- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut Street, 6:30 p.m.

### April 24

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX. 4 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Rm., 6:45 p.m.

## Making an 'impact' on bad behavior

Responding to concerns from the community and Frisco Municipal Court, Mayor Mike Simpson and the Frisco City Council requested that the Frisco Police Department research, develop and initiate a program for area juveniles that could benefit from early intervention. The first session of the Juvenile Impact Program was conducted in August 2007. Since that time approximately 65 teens and pre-teens have complete the program.

The Juvenile Impact Program offers an alternative that brings parents and youth together at a time when that relationship may

be strained. Together, the family unit is informed about consequences and youth are empowered with information and support to help them move away from delinquent conduct before incarceration may be warranted. This hands-on interaction with the youth and parents reinforces the police department's commitment to the community.

The Juvenile Impact Program educates juveniles and their parents about the possible consequences of delinquent conduct through presentations by law enforcement and juvenile justice personnel as well as first hand

accounts of youths incarcerated in a Texas Youth Commission (TYC) halfway house. The program targets youths between the ages of 10 and 18 that have been moved into the criminal justice system, most commonly for truancy, theft, and disorderly conduct offenses.

The program is available not only to court-ordered participants, but to any family concerned about a child's conduct. For additional information, or to enroll your child, please contact Officer Glynda Covington at 972-292-6134 or gcovington@friscotexas.gov.

## Outdoor Warning Sirens

The City of Frisco has 24 outdoor warning sirens placed strategically throughout the city. The sirens may be activated individually or in groups to provide localized warnings. The system uses several different and unique tones to alert residents to the imminent approach of severe weather and other emergencies requiring immediate notification. In the past the sirens were tested once a month.

In November 2007, the Frisco Fire Department took a unique approach to proactive siren testing and began sounding its outdoor warning sirens every Wednesday at noon to prepare for the 2008 severe weather season. The department has found the weekly testing to be a significant benefit to maintaining the system's readiness and current plans are to continue weekly testing.

The Fire Department will sound the sirens on days when skies are overcast and gray but not threatening; however, when severe weather is in the forecast, sirens will not be sounded unless there is an actual emergency.

For more information about the outdoor warning siren system and spring storm safety, log on to [www.friscofire.com](http://www.friscofire.com) and click on 'Emergency Management'.

## CPR CLASSES

The Frisco Fire Department offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes twice each month free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed here. Fire Department personnel certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association provide instruction on CPR techniques for infants, children and adults, as well as how to assist someone who is choking.

The four-hour classes are typically held the first and third Wednesday of each month. The next 2008 available class dates are June 18 and July 16. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

## FIRST AID CLASSES

The Frisco Fire Department also offers American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid courses as companion courses to CPR training. The next available classes will take place on August 9 and October 4. The classes provide a general background in simple first aid concepts and are free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed in the Frisco community. Classes are limited to 30 participants.

Those interested in CPR or AHA Heartsaver First Aid courses should call Central Fire Station at 972-292-6300 to make reservations.

## Frisco City Council adopts sex offender ordinance

On Tuesday night, March 4, 2008, the Frisco City Council passed an Ordinance establishing residency restrictions for child predator offenders, making it unlawful for certain sex offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of premises where children commonly gather. Any person, firm, corporation, agent, or employees thereof who violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. The ordinance is for offenses involving victims less than 17 years of age.

The council has determined that child predator offenders are a serious threat to public safety, that a high concentration of children gather at schools, public parks and day care centers, and that persons convicted of offenses that involve physical or sexual contact with children or preparatory steps toward physical or sexual contact with children are a greater risk to the safety of children who gather near areas where such offenders reside.

The City Council further determines that it will be advantageous, beneficial, and in the best interest of the citizens of the city to restrict certain offenders from residing in areas that are located at and/or near where there is a high concentration of children; that minimizing immediate access and proximity to children who are at and going to and from schools, parks, and day care centers will provide better protection for children in the city and that this residency restriction will foster the public safety of our citizens. Sex Offenders already living in the city will be grandfathered, meaning they are exempt from the new residency restrictions of the Ordinance.

Sex offenders convicted involving minor victims for the following offenses apply. Unlawful Restraint, Kidnapping, Aggravated Kidnapping, Indecency with a Child, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Sexual Assault, Prohibited Sexual Contact, Burglary of a Habitation, Online Solicitation of a Minor, Compelling Prostitution, Sexual Performance by a Child, or similar laws of other jurisdictions.

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Dangerous animals are generally defined as those which injure someone following an unprovoked attack that happened outside the place (secure enclosure) where the animal was being kept. Following an attack, the animal is sheltered and the matter is referred to municipal court, where a judge will determine whether the animal is 'dangerous'. Specific breeds cannot be banned under Texas law.

"If a resident ever sees a dog running loose that matches the dangerous dog description, they should contact Animal Control immediately through Police Dispatch," said Michael Hansen. The non emergency number for Police Dispatch is 972-292-6010.

A link to the 'Dangerous Dog' interactive map can be found on the home page of Animal Control, which is a division of Planning and Development Services. Go to [www.friscotexas.gov](http://www.friscotexas.gov), click on Departments and find 'Animal Control' or go to [www.frisco-texas.gov/departments/Planning\\_Development](http://www.frisco-texas.gov/departments/Planning_Development). For more information, call 972-292-5303.

# Frisco Fire Department personnel honored at annual awards banquet



**Firefighter Award Recipients:** Pictured from left to right: Truett Weber, Aric Enciso, Jake Owen, Chad Hill, Scott Vetterick, Jim Johnson

**Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Volunteer Recognition:** Bob Doan (pictured with Frisco Fire Safety Town Coordinator Bettie Grimes)

**Committee Award Winner:** Tracy Stiles – Administrative Assistant (pictured with Firefighter/Paramedic David Odum)

The Frisco Fire Department held its fifth annual awards banquet on Friday, March 7, 2008 at the Frisco Conference Center. Both career and volunteer fire department personnel came together with their families, friends and Citizens Fire Academy Alumni (CFAA) to recognize excellence within the department.

The Frisco Fire Department was honored to have Irving Fire Chief Mario Molina as a guest speaker. The evening ended with closing comments by Frisco

Fire Chief Mack Borchardt and a “2007 Year in Review” video compilation, created by Joe Bossalini. The production included the past year’s FFD action photographs and video footage taken by the CFAA Camera Squad.

Award recipients were individually announced by their shift supervisors, who described the accomplishments of each of the award winners. Below are the award recipients:

**Firefighter of the Year:**

Firefighter/Paramedic Chad Hill (now Lt.), Station 2, C Shift; **Paramedic of the Year:** Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Vetterick, Central Station, B Shift; **Officer of the Year:** Captain Jake Owen, Station 2, C Shift; **Rookie of the Year:** Firefighter/EMT Aric Enciso, Station 2, C Shift; **Volunteer of the Year:** Firefighter Truett Weber, Station 4, A Shift; **Busiest Shift: B Shift.**

More than 2,276 calls for service were responded to in 2007, with “B” Shift beat-

ing out the other two shifts for responding to the most calls for service.

**Committee Award:** Tracy Stiles – Administrative Assistant; **Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Volunteer Recognition:** Bob Doan; **Chief’s Award:** Firefighter/Paramedic Jim Johnson.

Annually, Fire Chief Mack Borchardt selects a department member whom he feels has made a special contribution to the continued success of the Frisco Fire Department.

## Spring storm safety

Along with flowers and warmer weather, spring brings the not so pleasant threat of severe weather. In a matter of minutes, tornadoes, thunderstorms, windstorms and hail can injure people and damage property. It is important to protect yourself and your family before severe weather strikes.

If severe weather is possible, a storm safety ‘watch’ is issued. This means conditions are favorable, and a storm may occur. However, if weather conditions continue to deteriorate, then a storm safety ‘warning’ is issued. A ‘warning’ means that severe weather is expected to happen.

Even if no storm safety watches or warnings have been issued, but you can see lightning or hear thunder, it is best to go indoors. Go immediately into a building or inside a vehicle. Avoid water, high ground and open spaces. Do not

take cover underneath canopies, small picnic areas or near trees. Stay away from large metal objects such as flagpoles, playground equipment and metal fencing.

It is best to postpone any outdoor activities until the severe weather has been clear for at least 30 minutes.

Thunderstorms can also produce straight-line winds that result in tornado-like damage. Studies show these wind bursts can occur without predictable signs of heavy rain, thunder, lightning or hail. If you are in a “Thunderstorm Watch” area, stay aware of the latest weather information, as a watch can quickly change to a warning.

Another severe weather emergency is the formation of tornadoes, usually occurring in the months of April, May and June. Tornadoes can develop quickly and sometimes hit before warnings can

be issued. Should the National Weather Service issue a tornado watch, prepare to take shelter and listen for further weather information. If a “tornado warning” is issued, find shelter right away and remain there until the danger has passed. If you are in a car, never try to out run a tornado. They can change course quickly. There is also a misconception that seeking shelter under an overpass is safe. Actually, the tornado is stronger under the bridge and produces a wind tunnel effect. It is safer to pull off the road and take shelter in a safe building or in a low lying ditch.

Visit our website at [www.friscofire.com](http://www.friscofire.com) and click on our ‘Emergency Management’ link for more information on severe weather preparedness.

## ELECTION

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cast early ballots at:

- Frisco Fire Station #4, 4485 Cotton Gin
- Preston Ridge Campus, Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd.
- The Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Red Bud Blvd., Suite 102, in McKinney

The General Election will be held Saturday, May 10 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. On Election Day, voters will cast ballots at three city precinct locations:

**City Precinct 1:** (Denton County Precincts 117, 119, 124, 131 and 137) Pioneer Heritage Middle School, 1649 High Shoals Drive

**City Precinct 2:** (Collin County Precincts 30, 92, 111) Staley Middle School, 6927 Stadium Lane

**City Precinct 3:** (Collin County Precincts 87, 101, 117, 118, 127, 134 and 146) Wester Middle School, 12293 Shepherds Hill Lane

Voters must cast ballots at their designated polling place, on Election Day only. Voters are encouraged to bring their voter registration cards. For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (972) 292-5010 or via email at [Nparker@friscotexas.gov](mailto:Nparker@friscotexas.gov). Election information is also available on the city’s website at [www.friscotexas.gov](http://www.friscotexas.gov). Click on ‘Government’ and then ‘Elections’.



# Frisco Heritage Center Museum

## Grand Opening Celebration

### Saturday, May 3



THE CROZIER-COVINGTON-SICKLES HOUSE AND THE SMITH-MUSE HOUSE ARE FRISCO-AREA HOMES FROM THE LATE 1800'S AND ARE IN PROCESS OF RESTORATION

**"THERE IS A HISTORY IN ALL MEN'S LIVES."**

— WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Every citizen brings his or her unique background to the story of Frisco. What will future generations understand about the Frisco of today? They will be able to measure the rip-roaring pace of economic development and boom in infrastructure. They will note the population doubled in just six years, reaching the 100,000 mark in 2008. They will know "Progress in Motion" was not just the city's brand, but a mission statement.

The books will also show that during this early 21st century boom sprang a place called Frisco Heritage Center – a place where Frisco reconnected with its roots as a dusty railroad town.

The approximately 18,000 square-foot, two-story Heritage Center Museum will display exhibits from more than 100 years of Frisco's growth.

The Heritage Center is a joint project of the City of Frisco, Frisco Community Development Corporation, and the Heritage Association of Frisco.

The center is the first phase of Frisco Junction, a planned, six-acre development that will be a bridge from historic Downtown Main Street to the new Frisco Square development.

Find out what the past has to say to you, Saturday, May 3 at the new Frisco Heritage Center Museum, located at 6455 Page St. The time is still being determined. Check out the home page of [www.frisco-texas.gov](http://www.frisco-texas.gov) in the coming days for detailed information about Frisco Heritage Center and the grand opening celebration.



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